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Appln. No.: 09/667,188

Filed: September 21, 2000

For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other  
Molecules Associated with Plants

Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: D. Gunter

Atty. Docket: 16517.001/38-21(51464)B

**Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the  
Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner mailed January 29, 2003, that resulted in Applicants having claims that have been twice or finally rejected.

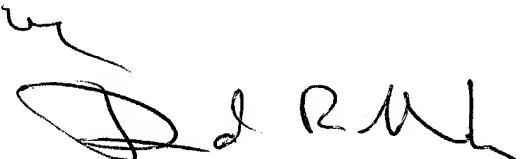
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Respectfully submitted,

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Applicants request that the following fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 16517.001/51464B:

\$ 320.00 notice of appeal fee

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees, other than the notice of appeal fee (\$320), are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No.

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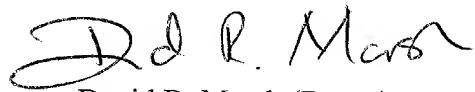
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